



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, twenty-six million Americans fall victim to violent crime each year in the United States, and violent crime seems to be more brutal due to the proliferation of assault weapons, the increase in drug-related criminal activity and the breakup of family and community life; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime and crisis and their loved ones often face serious financial, physical and psychological losses; and law-abiding citizens are no less deserving of rights, resources, restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who victimize them; and

WHEREAS, victims often play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice, thus preventing further violence, and many victims and survivors of crime have demonstrated extraordinary courage and strength as they have sought to help themselves, their loved ones and other victims; and

WHEREAS, although there are still too few services for victims and too little attention paid to establishing their rights, thousands of our fellow citizens, through their work and volunteer activities, are seeking to provide needed help to the victims of crime and crises; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Idaho and America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 6 through 12, 2003, to be

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Idaho, with the theme "Victims' Rights: Fulfill the Promise," and I reaffirm Idaho's commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice issues and urge all citizens and institutions to support the establishment and enforcement of victims' rights and services in our great state through participation in local and state activities commemorating those rights during this week and throughout the year.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE